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Nevada Department of Public Safety Investigating Officer Involved Shooting In Mineral County

Carson City: At the request of the Mineral County Sheriff's Office, the Nevada Department of Public Safety-Investigation Division is conducting an investigation of the shooting death of a crime suspect in Hawthorne, Nevada. The suspect was shot by members of the Mineral County Sheriff's Office at approximately 3:00PM on September 2, 2008.

The suspect in the case was under investigation by numerous federal, state and local law enforcement agencies for crimes including burglary and stolen weapons. Most recently, the suspect allegedly committed four home burglaries in Mesquite, Nevada and left the area in a stolen 2005 Cadillac. The stolen Cadillac was located traveling Northbound on Highway 95 between Luning and Hawthorne, Nevada. A DPS Highway Patrol Trooper initiated a pursuit of the vehicle and at one point had the vehicle stopped. However, after the initial stop the suspect again fled from the police and entered the town of Hawthorne. Authorities believe the suspect abandoned the vehicle in Hawthorne. With the help of citizens, members of the Mineral County Sheriff's Office and the Nevada Highway Patrol located the suspect a short time later.

The suspect failed to comply with orders to surrender and give up his weapon. An unknown number of shots were fired at the suspect by at least one member of the Mineral County Sheriff's Office. No officers were shot or sustained any injuries and their names and ranks are being withheld at this time per normal protocol for an Officer Involved Shooting.

The suspect was transported to the Mount Grant Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. An autopsy was conducted by the Washoe County Coroner's Office in Reno, Nevada, which revealed the suspect died from gunshot wounds. The Washoe County Sheriff's Forensic Investigation Unit participated in the processing of the shooting incident. The name of the suspect is being withheld pending notification of family members.

The Nevada Department of Public Safety- Investigation Division requests that anyone with information concerning the shooting incident to call the DPS – Investigation Division's Major Crimes Unit at 775-684-7430.

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